

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

#### LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A voice synthesizing method ~~of converting a stereotypical sentence to a voice through voice synthesis~~, comprising steps of:

selecting a speech style for a voice to be synthesized;  
determining a voice-contents identifier identifying voice contents of said of a stereotypical sentence to be synthesized;  
selecting preparing a speech style dictionary including speech style and prosody data which correspond to of said voice contents identifier stereotypical sentence, which corresponds to the selected voice-contents and which is in the same language as the voice-contents, from a speech style dictionary which corresponds to the selected speech style;  
and  
inputting said selected selecting prosody data of said to a voice-synthesizer that performs voice synthesis of the selected prosody data and outputs a voice of the stereotypical sentence of the selected speech stylesynthesized voice to be generated from said speech style dictionary by selecting a contents identifier and a speech style for a synthesized voice to be generated; and  
~~adding said selected prosody data to voice synthesizer driving data to thereby perform voice synthesis with a specific speech style.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The voice synthesizing method according to claim 1, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of said stereotypical sentence are composed, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of the voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

3. (Currently Amended) A voice synthesizer, ~~for performing voice synthesis by converting a stereotypical sentence to prosody data and adding said prosody data to a voice synthesizing part as voice synthesizer driving data, comprising:~~

~~— a voice contents identifier for identifying a type of voice contents of said stereotypical sentence;~~

a memory for storing a speech style dictionary in which speech-style information that specifies is selectable for a speech style for a synthesized voice to be synthesized and prosody data of a plurality of stereotypical sentences each of which corresponds to predetermined voice contents and which is in the same language as the voice-contents and prosody data are associated with each other;

pointing means for pointing to one said predetermined voice-contents and identifier and one said speech style of a voice to be synthesized at a time of voice synthesis; and

said voice synthesizing part ~~for selecting said prosody data of the stereotypical sentence which corresponds to the pointed voice-contents and the pointed speech style pointed to by said pointing means~~ from said speech style dictionary and converting said prosody data to a voice signal.

4. (Previously Presented) The voice synthesizer according to claim 3, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of said stereotypical sentence are composed, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of the voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

5. (Previously Presented) A cellular phone having a voice synthesizer as recited in claim 3.

6. (Currently Amended) A prosody-data distributing method ~~of performing voice synthesis by converting a stereotypical sentence to prosody data and adding said prosody data~~

~~to a voice synthesizing part in a terminal device as voice synthesizer driving data, comprising~~  
steps of:

~~determining a voice contents identifier that identifies a type of voice contents of said~~  
~~stereotypical sentence;~~

receiving an input specifying a speech style;

preparing a speech style dictionary that corresponds to the specified speech style which  
includes including a speech style and prosody data of a plurality of stereotypical sentences each  
of which corresponds to a predetermined voice contents and is in the same language as the  
voice-contentssaid voice contents identifier; and

supplying said speech style dictionary to a server provided in a communication network  
or a terminal device connected via said server;

so that the server and the terminal device can perform voice synthesis of the  
stereotypical sentence, when an input of specifying voice-content and speech style is input,  
using the supplied speech style dictionary.

7. (Previously Presented) The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 6, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of and said stereotypical sentence are composed, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of the voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

8. (Previously Presented) The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 6, wherein said supplying of said speech style dictionary to said terminal device further includes selecting a speech style dictionary corresponding to a speech style pointed to by a user's terminal-device transferring said selected speech style dictionary to said terminal device from said server, and storing said transferred speech style dictionary into a speech-style-dictionary memory in said terminal device, so that voice synthesis is carried out with said speech style pointed to by said terminal-device user.

9. (Currently Amended) The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 7, wherein said prosody data is supplied by referring to a management list of the predetermined voice contents~~contents for synthesis~~ which is open to public.
10. (New) A voice synthesizing method according to claim 1, wherein the speech style further includes foreign languages; and  
the step of selecting prosody data selects a stereotypical sentence in said foreign languages, which is different from the language of the voice-contents, when the foreign language is selected as the speech style.
11. (New) A voice synthesizer according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a step of determining a word to be inserted in a replaceable part in the stereotypical sentences and calculates a prosody data of the word; and  
synthesizes the voice signal by inserting the prosody data of the input word to the replaceable part in the stereotypical sentences.
12. (New) A voice synthesizer according to claim 1, wherein the voice-contents is selected by selecting a voice-content identifier identifying voice contents.
13. (New) A voice synthesizer according to claim 3, wherein the speech style further includes foreign languages; and  
the voice synthesizing part selects a stereotypical sentence in said foreign languages, which is different from the language of the voice-contents, when the foreign language is selected as the speech style.
14. (New) A voice synthesizer according to claim 3, wherein the memory further stores information of the stereotypical sentences each of which associated to the corresponds prosody data.

15. (New) A voice synthesizer according to claim 3, wherein the voice synthesizing part determines a word to be inserted in a replaceable part in the stereotypical sentences and calculates a prosody data of the word, and synthesizes the voice signal by inserting the prosody data of the input word to the replaceable part in the stereotypical sentences.
16. (New) A prosody-data distributing method according to claim 6, wherein the speech dictionary further includes information of the plurality of stereotypical sentences.